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Minden snowcross racer Izac Reid flies over a hill during the Royal Distributing Cup races in Lindsay on Feb. 9. See story on page 15.

Bark named Haliburton OPP detachment commander

By Matthew Desrosiers

VISA

Staff sergeant Chad Bark has been named the new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Haliburton County detachment commander.

Bark had been filling the role on an interim basis since July 1, 2012, while Malcolm Quigley was filling a similar role in Orillia.

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Prior to coming to the Highlands, Bark was a criminal operations supervisor in the central region. He said it was a very different role than what he's doing now.

"This job... I'm responsible for the operations and administration of the detachment as a whole," he said. "My focus in crime was to supervise benchmark criminal investigations."

Benchmark is a classification of crime for more serious

offences, including homicides, sexual assaults and aggravated assaults, he said. Those crimes are investigated by the local detachments but supervised by regional officers.

Non-benchmark crimes are investigated at a local level and responsibility for those falls squarely on the detachment.

Bark said he has set out three priorities for his first full year in the post.

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AH prepares policy for rental fee waivers

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands is closer to completion of draft policies on rental fee waivers and donations following several months of discussion at council.

Several requests for the waiving of rental fees at Algonquin Highlands facilities last year prompted council to consider establishing a formal policy for dealing with these and

"It's not about saying 'no' to this person, it's about then saying 'yes' to everybody," said Reeve Carol Moffatt at the time. "We have fees in place for a reason."

Facility rental fees help to cover heat, hydro and maintenance costs.

"We seem to be getting from time to time these individual specific requests to waive fees and maybe the staff and council can come up with a better response in future that incorporates what our policy is rather than just looking at every individual request," said Mark Coleman, parks, recreation and trails manager.

Council directed staff to review the process for waiving fees and report back. Donations are also being reviewed.

Coleman provided an update during council's regular meeting Feb. 7 as councillors reviewed a 2013 fee waiver request.

He reported staff have done research and some drafting in discussion with chief administrative officer Angie Bird, treasurer Tammy McKelvey and recreation programs supervisor Melissa Alfano.

He said current township practices do vary, and most other municipalities have either very minimal or very complex, complicated policies so staff are trying to develop something

"We want to bring a report to council showing if we implement whatever new proposed policy, what groups it affects [and] how it affects them so you have that information, that thorough analysis to say whether that's acceptable or not," said Coleman.

Councillors agreed to continue with established processes until the formal policies are in place.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Minden Lioness helps heat county homes through Fuel 4 Warmth

Phyllis Sutherland, left, presents a \$589.40 cheque to Fuel 4 Warmth co-founders Lindsay MacLean and Joanne Barnes on behalf of the Minden Lioness at the Country Jamboree on Feb. 10. The money was raised during January's jamboree, where the Lioness operate the kitchen, sell refreshments and conduct a 50/50 draw. Proceeds from February's jamboree will be donated to Community Care Haliburton County.

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Commander lists priorities

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"The first is I want to continue to work on our investigative skillset, build some capacity among the members," he said.

A community satisfaction survey identified that community members in Haliburton County have significant concerns for property crimes and street level drug activity, according to Bark

"My goal over the course of the year is to build upon our skillset to increase our efficiency in the investigation of those types of crimes."

His second priority is to target drunk and inattentive drivers.

"What we're seeing in the region is that although the number of collisions are slowly going down, the number of alcohol-related collisions are going up, and the number of inattentive-driving collisions are going up," he said.

Residents can expect more R.I.D.E. checks and a strong police presence on the roads, however Bar

said educating the public and self-policing will also play a role in stopping drunk

"If somebody's had a couple of drinks and are about to drive, step in and make the effort," he said. "Give somebody a ride home, call them a cab, do whatever you can do to disrupt that."

"By the time we respond to the collision, it's too late." Bark's third priority is to develop and improve the OPP's relationship with the community.

"There should be a two-way relationship between the community and the police," he said. "Through satisfaction surveys, through municipal councils and through community policing committees, I'm hoping to get a lot of feedback with respect to what the community's expectations are and what they're concerned about."

The goal is to break down the barriers between officers and the public.

"I don't like the idea of us and them," said Bark. "Policing is a community responsibility as opposed to just a police agency

responsibility. You can't do that in a vacuum."

Constable Paul
Potter was named
the detachment's
new community
services officer
(CSO) last month.
He will act as the
conduit between
the community and
police, however
Bark wants to see
his officers make
the effort as well.

"We're going to encourage right down to our front line members to have that community engagement."

Bark has been with the OPP for 27 years, living in Barrie. Since July he has been commuting to Minden every day, but now that he is officially filling the position he is looking forward to selling his home and moving his family to the Highlands.

"This is where I want to be," he said. "I'm excited to be here, I'm happy to be here, and I have no plans beyond being committed to this position."



By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands building permit fees have risen with enactment of a new bylaw at council's Feb. 7 meeting.

In his December increase recommendations report, chief building and bylaw enforcement officer Mitch O'Grady noted the buildings department budget was tracking at a deficit of almost 50 per cent in building permit fee revenues.

O'Grady had researched fees in other county municipalities and reported the increases would put the township on par with Highlands East.

"We have put it out to the public for a meeting and we haven't really had any feedback with respect to the fee increases," said O'Grady. "To me that appears to be positive."

He added Dysart et al plans to increase their fees and all municipalities look likely to be "on the same track very shortly."

"I see it as a very reasonable increase, again based on the fact that we do operate at a deficit throughout the years," said O'Grady. "That gives us the opportunity to maybe not break even but we'll make a little more than we did last year."

Permits for single family dwellings and cottages increase from \$0.55 to \$0.60 per square foot, while commercial, industrial and institutional fees rise from \$0.60 to \$0.65/sq.-ft. Garage, boathouse and accessory building permit fees increase from \$0.35 to \$0.50/sq.-ft.

Demolition, HVAC system and plumbing permit fees each rise from \$100 to \$150. Building permit renewal fees rise from \$50 to \$100. Fees for temporary tent construction over 60 square meters are now \$150 and a new fee for under 60 square meters has been added, set at \$100.

There are no increases to deck and dock fees, re-inspection, additional inspection or miscellaneous inspection fees, building permit minimum fees, building permit revision fees, or solid fuel burning appliance/chimney installation fees.

The new bylaw also addresses permit requirements, administrative fees, refunds, and required plans, drawings and specifications

Township building permit fees were last reviewed in spring 2009. No members of the public attended to speak for or against the bylaw at the public portion of the meeting. Details of the new bylaw are available on the township website under the building and planning department link.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

roads, however Bark Staff sergeant Chad Bark has been the interim commander since July 2012.

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Editorial opinion

Black eye



By Matthew Desrosiers

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Meanwhile, at the trough...

In a column this week in the Globe and Mail, Senator Pamela Wallin tries to allay accusations that she's been fudging her place of residence to meet Senate rules, claiming she lives in Saskatchewan and not in Ontario, where she spends most of her time. The piece explains in romantic prairie style how her heart is in Saskatchewan, along with her parents and sister. There's even a street named after her — what more proof could anyone

Wallin of course is not alone. Senator Mike Duffy is under scrutiny for claiming he lives in PEI when according to what most people consider to be the definition of residency, he lives in Ottawa. So is Senator Mac Harb, a man who's done so much for Canada at \$132,000 a year (plus expenses) that nobody's ever heard of him.

Why should we care? A couple of reasons. First, senators are required to be resident in the province they represent. If they are not, they don't qualify for the job — it may look like a social club, but it's supposed to be a representative body. Second, residency determines travel expenses, as senators who live outside of Ottawa have generous budgets to return home on a regular basis.

But the most important reason in my book is that in order to claim those travel expenses and to qualify for the role, senators have to declare their place of residence on public documents. To knowingly declare a different location is to claim expenses you do not deserve and qualifications you do not have, something many people, myself included, would see as fraudulent, well beyond your typical finagling.

What would happen to *you* for lying on your resume and submitting false expenses, for years, to your employer? You'd most certainly be fired, and possibly even charged. But you live in the real world and don't breathe the rarefied air of our ruling class. If you did, the greatest sanction you'd face is

that suggested by the current senate leader, the dreaded threat of asking you to pay it back. Those senators r

By Bram Lebo

back. Those senators must be shaking in their

Even without questions of residency, the travel budgets we're talking about would offend all but the most extravagant of citizens. Senator Wallin's heart may be in Saskatchewan, but her hand is in our wallets: in just three months last year, she spent \$50,000 on travel expenses. Only a small fraction of that was to visit her "home" province, for various purposes vital to the running of the nation, including attending dinners, leading parades and awarding Diamond Jubilee medals. The rest of her \$4,000 per week in travel expenses were for as-yet unspecified other trips, no doubt equally critical to the national interest.

Other senators manage to discharge their senatorial duties, such as they are, with far more frugality. Senator Bob Runciman, former leader of the Ontario PCs, and Senator Linda Frum, professional famous person for reasons unspecified, both somehow scraped by with zero spending on "other" trips.

It's bad enough that Canadians pay \$100 million a year for a legislative body with no power and even less legitimacy, a collection of hacks and has-beens with no discernable function. But with most of them wealthy, to have senators milking every last penny possible from the Canadian public, possibly under false pretences, is beyond galling. Wallin's protestations, as if we needed it, are just further proof that some of them are completely out of touch with reality, a state that should disqualify them from making laws and representing constituents.

Wallin's rationalizations remind me of Leona Helmsley's famous line that "taxes are for the little people." That was just before she went to jail.

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Letters to the editor

Thank you to pond hockey volunteers

Dear editor,

It gives me great pleasure to sit down and write this letter. As the founder and now known as the Commish of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships, my team and I haven't stopped smiling since the final game was played at Head Lake on Feb.

A two-weekend event of this size (230 teams = 1,380 players plus family members) at the best of times is a massive undertaking and when such an event is held outdoors with Mother Nature breathing down our necks it's even more difficult.

I could go on about how great an event like this is for injecting dollars into the community and raising the profile of the Haliburton Highlands but I would rather talk about the volunteers who are the key ingredient to making any large sporting event possible.

If you want to know how an event is going ask the players because they're the ones who truly experience the ups and downs and to a person every team captain or team member (plus post event e-mails) that I spoke with talked in glowing terms about our volunteers. People make a community, not bricks and mortar, and if your are proud of where you live you also need to be very proud of all the

volunteers who stepped up and represented the * Dear editor, Haliburton Highlands at the Championships.

These volunteers not only played a key role in and around the event they also made it a point to welcome all the players and their families, they made them feel comfortable and let them know that people in the Haliburton Highlands appreciate them spending the weekend in their home town. Simply put our volunteers were outstanding.

Now there was another group of volunteers that weren't wearing the red hockey jerseys and weren't quite as visible to the general player population like the ice crew, the guys and gals that were charged with keeping the ice clean throughout the day, the volunteer fire fighters who spent many a cold night pre and during the event flooding the 28 rinks, the security teams and everyone else who played a role in making this Championship memorable for every player that came to the Haliburton Highlands.

I tried to reach out in person to all the great people who volunteered for the Championships but I doubt very much I was able to talk to everyone so let me say this: thanks to you all, you were fabulous.

Neil Lumsden **CNPHC**

Politicians deserve a decent wage too

One of the ways that you learn that you are getting old is when you open a newspaper and see a headline that causes you to say: "Not that again". Such were my thoughts when your page 3 headline "Councillors clash over pay raise" caught my eye. After having read the article and the quotes attributed to the councillors I am concerned about their understanding of the issue.

Since the positions of councillor and member of Parliament were created the populace at large has had a jaundiced view of the stipends that go with the position. Trillions of words have been written on the subject and consultants have salivated over the fees they have received for advising on the stipend issue.

Under our form of government these positions are important. Those who do well in the position have a skill set that is not easily found in the general population. In smaller communities the need for representatives with a good skill set is magnified. If one tracks back to the last century you will find that in the 1960s era Canada was starting to encounter difficulty in getting these unique individuals to stand for election. Several reviews of the problem identified compensation as being a big issue for those who were being asked to seek elected office. In order to overcome this problem compensation for elected officials

was overhauled and we moved to a situation where most of the positions had better than average compensation and we no longer were faced with a shortage of candidates with good skill sets for the positions.

Over the last 20 years there has been a waxing and waning of opinion among the population at large over this compensation issue. When the economy is strong nobody cares how well the elected officials are compensated. If the economy is poor then the compensation is deemed excessive.

For the current council of Dysart et al their personal views on what they are paid is irrelevant to the decision they are considering making. What they must consider is the position and not who presently occupies it. The salary must be kept attractive enough that citizens with good skill sets will want to run for elected office.

In closing I would also offer the view that while times seem tough locally and nationally it is always relative to what you compare it to. Most of the population in Canada and locally are living comfortable lifestyles. Cast your minds back to what happened in Biafra, China (Opium Wars) and during the period known as the "Great Depression". Those were tough times for those who lived through those events.

Peter McLuskey Eagle Lake

Thom's calendar a boon

Dear editor.

Your pages have recently been full of the value of volunteers; we know that mobilizing huge community support is what makes events that put us on the map possible, and is also one of the characteristics of our community that makes us proud to live here.

I would like to pay tribute to a particular volunteer, Frank Thom, who conceptualized and implemented a calendar project, featuring his photography of local beauty. This is the second year he has done this, and once again it brought a nice-sized cheque to Places for People, one of five charities that benefited from Frank's talent and hard work. Our thanks to him for his initiative and

perseverance, which made this possible. I am reminded of George Elliot's final words on the life of Dorthea, in *Middlemarch*: "But the effect of her being on those around her was incalculably diffusive: for the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden live, and rest in unvisited tombs."

Let's hear it for those who toil quietly and with no fanfare for the betterment of us all!

Fay Martin Minden

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The**Outsider** - Sowing (my) oats and making bacon (disappear)

Do you recall the John le Carré novel, Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy? How about the poem about the butcher, baker and candlestick maker? Every one of them on a mission! And it was in this vein, with this go-to-it (rub a dub dub) attitude that I set out recently as part of a fact-finding mission for the local grain CSA, an organization dear to my heart, and stomach.

There were four in our party: the homesteader, geologist, journo and ad man – a mouthful to pronounce, in rhyming form anyway, and a motley crew if ever there was one. We'd volunteered to trek to just south of Ottawa to meet an organic farmer and grain growing oracle named George, in order to learn from him and discover how we can take our own little community grain growing venture to the next level.

Now, when I say we were to trek to Ottawa you'll understand that I mean drive, in a rather posh car, one with heated seats no less. Sounds like a cushy ride eh. But, as the seat slow roasted my backside my cohorts in the backseat were intent on frying my brain with the Apple Mac sales pitch to end all others. By the end of the drive I was ready to smash any PC I saw and feed the pieces to its unfortunate owner!

Whoa, did I just say that? The backseat brain washing must have worked on a subconscious level because actually. 'I'm a PC'... and I'm more tolerant of users of other hardware types than you crazy evangelical Mac users! Sorry guys but wow, it feels good to get that out there.

But I digress. We were on our way to visit George, and, with digital differences set aside, we discussed all kinds of topics we should broach with him: grain yield, harvesting and processing equipment, spelt versus barley, to mill or not to mill, whether to flake or roll your wild oats and the list went

The trouble was that when George stepped from his front door to welcome us, all questions, all knowledge (all of my wisdom at any rate) slipped from minds. He was a giant. An enormous man with massive hands and fingers the size of the huge sausages that he makes from his organic pigs. As he crushed my delicate writer's digits in greeting I grimaced gamefully and stood on tiptoes so as not to appear a midget. He led us around the windswept farm in temperatures of minus 20 wearing only a chunky wool sweater, and, after he'd demonstrated various grain handling gadgets and techniques he took us inside to thaw out and have a bite to eat.

There, sizzling slowly on the woodstove, was a whole pig, or so it seemed. In a cast iron frying pan so large that I could have bathed in it was a mountain of bacon and sausages that would have fed the entire Ottawa Senators team. Five plates

were set at the table, a vast jar of raw milk, so fresh you could still smell the udder, sloshed into pint pitchers and the meat put before us, its only accompaniment a bottle of tomato ketchup.

We ate meat until the wonderfully tasty fat started to ooze from our pores. We discussed all manner of aspects of organic ideals, grain farming techniques and sustainable living philosophies. We reveled in George's organic ideologies and his unique protein-rich hospitality.

When we left, our unlikely quartet, the homesteader, geologist, journo and ad man, had found our facts, completed our mission. The four of us were almost as full of ideas for advancing our grain CSA as we were stuffed with bacon. And, on a personal level at least, this English Outsider left George's farm (it's called Castor River, just in case you are out that way) having been subjected once again to the wonders of Canadian hospitality.

Thanks George and thanks also to HCDC who funded the trip. I can assure you that much was learned and no bacon was left unaccounted for. All I have to do now is eat veggies for three weeks to redress my dietary intake from that one meal!



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: How have you adjusted to the penny being phased out?



Adrienne Gostock

Haliburton

I am glad that it is discontinued because it makes my purse so heavy. I used to take them home and put them in a jar.

Debbie O'Reilly

Haliburton

Yes I have adapted. Could have been a lot worse. No problems at



Jerry MacDonald

Horseshoe Lake

It all depends. Some have gone up and others have gone down. I am afraid most will go up.



Well, common sense is if it is costing that much to make it, let's leave it. I think that it is a good idea to discontinue.



William Pickard

Haliburton

Does not bother me one little bit. I used to throw them away, so no big deal.



Have a question we should ask? Send it to matthew@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

PHONEBOOK PROJECT: LAMBERT

By Mark Arike

Through retirement, Maurice and Linda ⊥ Lambert have discovered the life they've always wanted.

"When you retire, time means nothing," said Maurice, who lives with his wife Linda on a 20-acre property in the Carnaryon area.

Maurice is 71 and Linda is 67 years old. Although they are seniors, this couple is aging gracefully by staying active and engaging with like-minded people in their community.

Soon after they made the switch from cottagers to permanent residents in 2005, they joined the Minden Curling Club.

"One of the reasons we curl is because it's a social thing," explained Maurice.

"It's the greatest bunch of people... I don't think there's a single person there that I don't like."

Linda shares her husband's sentiments. "We love it, of course," she said. "It has nothing to do with the game, it's about the

people." The couple curls every Thursday and Friday in the daytime division. On Fridays they curl together.

Both admit having their on and off days, however they always are sure to enjoy the game and camaraderie.

Prior to joining the club, neither of them had curled before. But it didn't take long for them to overcome the learning curve.

"They have some great instructors there and they taught us," said Maurice. "In the first year I played, I felt sorry for whatever team I was on. But it's gotten better."

According to their mission statement, the goals of the Minden Curling Club are to 'promote the game of curling and to foster friendly good sportsmanship and good fellowship among its members."

Maurice and Linda have experienced that

supportive environment many times over.

"Many times I'll be curling against a team and I'll be doing something wrong, but I can't figure out what I'm doing wrong," said Maurice. "There will be someone from the other team who will tell me, you've got your elbow out too far."

It may seem like it's all fun and games, but these recreational curlers also have a competitive side.

"Thursdays are a little bit more serious than Fridays," explained Maurice. "Friday is competitive, but it's a fun day. Sometimes Thursdays aren't as fun, because there are some people who really, really want to win."

Maurice grew up in Pointe-Saint-Charles, Montreal – a community he says fostered competition. After high school, he played football and was asked to try out for the Montreal Alouettes. A knee injury stopped him from doing so.

"I took that [football] very seriously," he said.

Today, he doesn't have to be quite as competitive.

"I don't think you'll see my name [on a trophy]," he laughed.

"None of us want trophies anymore," added Linda.

For those unfamiliar with the game of curling, a team is made up of four positions. They include lead, second, vice and skip. Maurice is a vice on Thursdays and a skip on Fridays while Linda is a vice on both days.

The role of the vice is to throw the third rock, hold the brush for the skip, and sweep for the throws made by the lead and second. The skip throws the last rock, holds the brush for all other players, tells other players when to sweep and watches the curl of the stone.

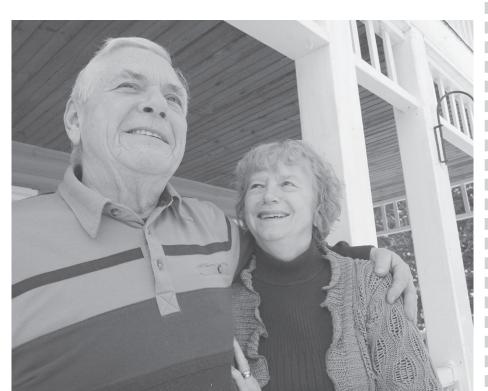


Photo by Mark Arike

Maurice and Linda Lambert are staying active in their retirement.

"Sweeping is very hard," said Maurice. "I always thought it's because I'm getting older. I went to a skins game at [Casino] Rama, which was with guvs at the top of their league, and I watched the people sweeping. They were exhausted. So I felt a bit better."

As curlers age, the skip or vice positions tend to be most appealing to them, said

"As you get older, you're going to find more people as a skip or a vice. A vice would sweep less and a skip doesn't sweep at all, unless he comes out to help."

Recognition isn't something this couple

is in search of, however they have received prizes from the curling club, including tasty

"We have some in the freezer," laughed

Curling isn't the only way the Lambert's remain active. Linda volunteers with euchre at the Stanhope community centre, is a rug hooker and recently got into the sport of pickleball. They also get outdoors by snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and fishing.

"As you get older, you should be as active as you can," said Maurice.

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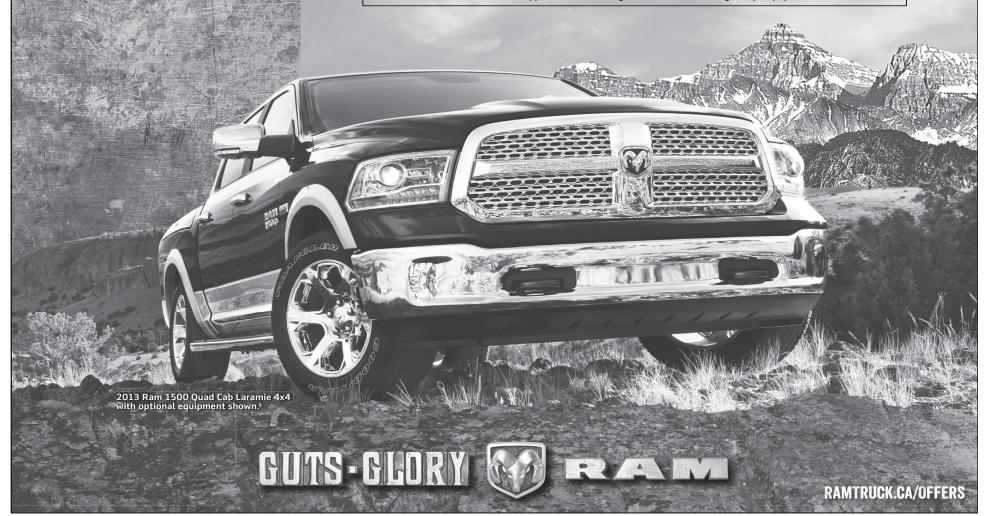
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Notice

The Council of the Township of Minden Hills will consider amendments to the following By-laws, scheduled to be considered for passing at their regular Council meeting on Thursday, February 28th, 2013 at approximately 10:00 am in the Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden.

- a) 12-87 Fees and Charges Bylaw
- b) 12-25 Water Service Fees (Minden)
- 2) 12-26 Sewage Service Fees
- d) 12-33 Water Service Fees (Lutterworth)

Full details can be found at www.mindenhills.com on the Notices Page or File Pro at https://haliburton.civicweb.net Copies of the amended schedules are available upon request.

Notice of Meetings

The residents of Minden Hills are invited to attend the following public meetings:

Tuesday February 19 - at 7:00 p.m. in the Minden Hills Council Chambers for the 2013 Budget deliberations.

Thursday, February 28th - at 10:00 a.m. Minden Hills Council Chambers – Council, at this regular meeting, will consider the passing of the 2013 Cemetery Budget and the 2013 Township Operating Budget.



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In winter a marsh may look empty and windblown and seem to be a silent, frozen wilderness devoid of life and sound. But is it really? In fact, most earthbound creatures, even though we can't see or hear them, remain all winter long and the wetland is actually quite active.

Join us in exploring the Wetland around the Cultural Centre and learn how to see the active winter wilderness in our own community.

We will gather in the Common Room and hot chocolate will be served afterwards. Please dress for the weather (including boots) and feel free to bring your cameras. This is a free event and families are always welcome.

Minden Hills Museum

Fact & Fiction Night Friday February 22nd, 7:00 pm

The evening will be kicked off with the first public presentation of The Minden Hills Cultural Centre's new promotional videos, produced by Highland Media Arts. These videos were a product of the Museum & Technology Grant and represent each of the three facilities at the Cultural Centre. Afterwards, test your knowledge of artifacts and history. Artifacts from our collection and other local collections will be presented with an explanation of what you are looking at – but are you being told the truth? You may be surprised when we expose what each artifact actually is. Refreshments will be served.

Meetings and Events

February 14

9:00 am, Committee of the Whole meeting, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

February 17 & 18

Family Fun Weekend, Check our Information Page for more details

February 18

Family Day - Administration Offices CLOSED

February 19

7:00 pm, Public meeting for 2013 Budget deliberations, Minden Council Chambers

February 21

1:30 pm, Haliburton County Historical Society meeting, Cultural Centre Common Room, Guest Speaker Shirley Warder Topic One-Room School Houses

7:00 pm, Lochlin Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting, Lochlin Community Centre

February 28

9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

4:30 pm, Economic Development Committee meeting, Minden Council Chambers

Winterfert February 17 & 18 Minden 2013

Sunday

Curling at the Minden Curling Club (Contact Lynda Litwin to register 705-457-8511)

Public Skating from 12:00 - 2:00 pm - Minden Arena

Minden Highland Storm Minor Hockey immediately following public skating

6th Annual Chili Competition starting at 3:30pm Minden Community Centre

Skating Recital at 3:30 pm – Minden Arena

Dawson's Game immediately following skating recital (Exhibition Hockey game in honour of Dawson Hamilton)

Men's Hockey, Shinny in the afternoon

Monday

Pancake Breakfast 8:00 am – 11:00 am Minden Community Centre

SnoBall SloPitch Tournament immediately following (contact Craig or Tammy Smith 705-286-3013 to pre-register)
Please call 705-286-1936 ext 200 for more details.

Correction

The contact number for the Aggregate Tender advertised in last week's paper should be 705-286-3144.

Planning & Development Committee Meeting

Has been scheduled for Thursday February 21 at 1:30pm in the Minden Hills Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street. Purpose of the meeting is to review input to the Official Plan Update from the Open House session that was held on February 9, 2013.

Anyone wishing to appear as a delegation to this committee meeting should contact Deanna Smith, Building/Bylaw/Planning receptionist at 705-286-1260 ext 209 no later than Friday February 15, 2013 by 12:00 noon.

Public Welcome

Highlander arts

History and Raw Art

Ever since the first cave dwellers painted on their walls history has been inextricably linked with culture and the arts, and many of those early images contained social themes, like hunting.

Our county is still historically young socially speaking, and though there are the occasional First Nations artifacts to be found we don't have a lot of history recorded by early white settlers. In private collections and in our public galleries we can occasionally see images of our pioneering past; done in oils and occasionally in watercolours.

There are also some old photographs in our museums which show our villages and images of people in the bush logging. Through photography, people in the future will always be able to see what we looked like, how we dressed, and some of the activities we engaged in.

But art that you might see today in a gallery or adoming a wall in a private home or office is mostly a blank canvas as far as social themes in our county are concerned. Whereas artists like Andre Lapine and his contemporaries mostly painted landscapes they also often incorporated activities like maple syruping, farming and yes, hunting.

Times change and over the last 50 years or so, as a new awareness and appreciation of our environment has grown, the emphasis for many local artists has been strictly on landscapes and wildlife, devoid of people.

There are some notable exceptions, and contemporary artists such as Terry Wright, Rose Pearson, Laurie O'Reilly and Lois Raw all feature social themes in much of their work.

What's up with the Arts

The art of Lois Raw caught my eye several years ago. She was creating a series of pastel drawings to commemorate the Minden Sesquicentennial, and her images showed people in and around Minden doing everyday things in town, on the Gull River, and along its banks.

I was inspired to produce a short video documentary on the colourful and accurate images Lois was creating. The video titled 'Minden Raw' features many of her pastels and also shows how she works. Through a series of dissolves I tried to capture on video the exact scenes that Lois had created in her beautiful pieces. I like to think that the video adds something to our local history.

Many of Raw's Minden pastels from that time were snapped up very quickly by art lovers, and she translated that success to a showing at the Rails End Gallery which exhibited her pastels of both Minden and Haliburton. It was a wonderful show and the video also ran in the gallery at the same time.

People who lived in caves probably created the first murals, and the tradition of painting on walls continues to this day. There are several murals of historic and social significance spread throughout the Highlands. Wilberforce, Haliburton and Minden for instance all feature historically important exterior murals on the sides of buildings.

Now Lois Raw has added to the list by recently completing an interior mural.

The untitled piece is distinctive in that it's circular. It's approximately two meters high and eight meters long and is to be found in the abode of Don and Jessie Pflug who also run

the Stouffer Mill B&B from their home. The mural, done in acrylics, is located around the top half of a large roof-supporting cylinder which is in the centre of the Pflug's circular home. The bottom half of the cylinder contains a stone-encased fireplace.

The 360-degree work reproduces the panoramic view to be seen outside

of the Pflug's house. The mural, basically a landscape, depicts a colour-rich fall scene which features the spectacular view over Halls Lake, as well as the surrounding woodlands and wildlife. Some social content is seen in such details as the gardens, the driveway and the Pflug's dog Chloe.

By George Farrell

Raw started on the unique project in November of 2012 and finished up at the end of January 2013. There's also an historic link with the work because the Stouffer Mill B&B took its name from the Stouffer Mill Road on which it is located

The Pflugs got their mural idea from the backdrops in a play called 'Colours in the Storm' which was based on the life of the artist Tom Thompson. It played at the Highlands Summer Festival last summer. Raw, who is a close personal friend of the Pflugs, was eventually consulted about the feasibility of a mural, and the rest is, well, history.

The general public will be able to see the mural on June 23 when the Pflugs are hosting a musical and visual arts event.



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Highlander arts

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

- 1. The Painted Girls by Cathy Marie Buchanan
- 2. *The Forgotten* by David Baldacci
- 3. Trust Your Eyes by Linwood Barclay
- 4. Notorious Nineteen by Janet Evanovich
- 5. *The Deception of Livvy Higgs* by Donna Morrissey

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

- 1. Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health by William Davis
- 2. Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed
- 3. Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking by Susan Cain
- 4. The Ravenous Brain: How the New Science of Consciousness Explains Our Insatiable Search for Meaning by Daniel Bor
- 5. The Wealthy Barber Returns by David Chilton

Suddenly, there is a new novel at the top of our top five fiction list — and it's Canadian! The Painted Girls by Cathy Marie Buchanan is set in 1878 Paris during the time when Edgar Degas began painting his famous ballerinas. This is the story of two sisters — Marie and Antoinette — as they struggle to survive after their father's sudden death.

To make ends meet, they are forced onto the stage: Marie begins ballet training at the Paris Opera for a scant seventy francs a month while Antoinette finds work as a stage extra. The pair encounters romance, poverty and fame (Marie eventually begins modeling for Degas) as they attempt to navigate the dark side of civilized Parisian society.

It is worth noting that author Cathy Marie Buchanan is no stranger to the Haliburton Highlands. In 2012 she visited Haliburton's CFUW group to discuss her previous novel The Day The Falls Stood Still, a novel which has been popular at our library system ever since. Both The Painted Girls and The Day The Falls Stood Still are available in a variety of formats at the Haliburton County Public Library.



Photo by Mark Arike

Haliburton County glass artist Tom Green holds a copy of the Arts Council's directory while talking about the publication.

Arts Council concludes potluck series

Over 20 people attended a potluck meeting at the Haliburton School of the Arts on Feb. 12 to provide their insight and feedback to the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands.

During the event, members of the organization and others engaged in discussions about arts partnerships, art in public places, the Arts Council's marketing

initiatives and more.

The series, which began at the end of January, has been held at locations in each municipality throughout the county.

The Arts Council will compile the information from each meeting and make those notes available to its membership.





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Highlander business

Bidding farewell to the penny

By Mark Arike

The Canadian penny will soon face extinction, but it doesn't seem like many local business owners or consumers will be

As of Feb. 4, the Royal Canadian Mint stopped distributing the currency. The decision came as a result of the government's 2012 economic action plan, which estimates phasing out the currency will save taxpayers \$11 million per

With the release of rounding guidelines, it is recommended that businesses round down to \$1 for amounts of \$1.01 or \$1.02 and to round up to \$1.05 for amounts of \$1.03 or \$1.04 (cash transactions only).

"I've kind of been doing it [rounding] for quite a while... because I never was charging people for extra pennies anyway," said Ruth Robinson, owner of retail store Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton. "It doesn't make a whole lot of difference to me."

Robinson doesn't recall receiving a notice about the change, however she did see a message on her bank's website.

To date, none of her customers have given her grief about the penny.

"It's just the same as usual," she laughed.

The staff at Minden Pharmasave have been adhering to the voluntary government guidelines since the announcement was

"It's no problem to us," said Dana Mann, Pharmasave's front shop manager. "It's a small adjustment to get used to, just like anything else."

Since the store's operating system was updated beforehand, the transition was a simple one for staff to make.

"It basically shows it to us on our screen," said Mann. "It either rounds up or rounds down."

Mann expected to hear complaints from customers, but so far all has been quiet.

"We thought there may be more problems with the adjustment, but people seem to be fine with it," she said. Wayne Bolger, owner of the South Algonquin Cookhouse

in Harcourt, doesn't believe eliminating the penny from circulation is the best move. "The customers aren't really complaining about it, but it's

Photo by Heather Kennedy

Todd's Independent's cashier Rebecca Anderson gives change (minus the pennies) to Joanne Nichols of Haliburton.

a little bit of a pain for us," said Bolger. "Some pay with pennies, others are giving change with their orders still."

It's too soon to tell whether or not it will affect his bottom line, but Bolger thinks "it's a dumb move" for a more fundamental reason.

"I think it teaches kids how to count change," he said. "The penny is an important thing. It's a unit of measurement as far as our currency is concerned."

"I think it's a good tool for them to learn how to count properly without the use of computers."

Customers of the TD Canada Trust branch in Minden have been bringing in their pennies and donating them to local charities that the bank supports.

"We haven't had any complaints," said branch manager Carol Patrick. "People are quite happy to get rid of them." In order to save customers some time, TD is offering them a free penny bag.

"We usually have penny bags we supply to customers," explained Patrick. "If you fill them to the line, it's worth \$25. So you don't have to roll them if you have a large amount of pennies."

The phasing out of the penny doesn't seem to bother branch staff or customers, she said.

"I think people knew it was coming, so I don't think it's any big surprise. I don't hear of anybody hoarding pennies."





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Highlander sports

Minden's hot for ice car racing

By Warren Riley

It's a daredevil experience and the ride of a lifetime.

Only the brave of heart would attempt such a feat. Standing on a six-foot high snowbank well above the track, the observer would witness a lineup of 15 to 20 domestic and foreign cars resembling a classic demolition derby.

Some vehicles don air foils while others have fancy paint jobs and roof-mounted identification numbers. Positioning themselves two abreast, the drivers know they are going to

have one heck of a ride. The main goal is to make 12 circuits with the car on a slick ice-covered track and arrive safely back at the finish line hopefully in one piece. Some of the hazards the drivers try to avoid are getting rammed by other cars, making 'donuts' and losing position, or driving head first into a snowbank, which happens now and again.

The races have strict rules and regulations and are under the umbrella of the Canadian Automobile and Sports Clubs.

Originally from

Peterborough, Bill Rob is the clerk of the course (chief operating official) for the British Automobile Racing Club and the organizer for the weekend's races on Feb. 2. It will be his 50th year being involved with ice racing.

Rob was impressed with the driver turnout and had a full complement of cars and drivers.

"This weekend we had 78 separate entries," he said. "We had local drivers in the races. Tom Prentice [had] a couple of cars entered and Andy Hughes, ice race director for the province, were both here and from the Minden area. I think the farthest we had this weekend came from London but the

majority were from the greater Toronto area."

Rob described the appeal of ice car racing.

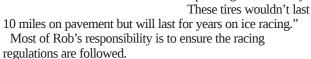
"It's the lowest cost form of racing and absolutely just for the fun of it. It's an amazing learning experience. We have had some very well-known and important drivers [who] race big events like Mosport, Le Mans and Indianapolis. These drivers have ice raced because it teaches them incredible car control and it's a great way to learn how to drive."

The majority of vehicles that are driven have been used in

ice racing for over 10 years and before that were driven as road worthy transportation.

"They were [originally] four or five-year-old Toyotas or Subarus when they started. They have just kept going. Some have reinforced bumpers to protect the radiator due to the fact they are little fragile."

"The main difference of these cars is the tires," Rob said. "They're a soft snow tire and they are specially tracksionized which puts thousands of needles in it and lots of siphoning for flexibility.



"We make sure the rules are followed. If there is an incident, I get the tow truck or get the medic or whatever the situation is. We've never had any serious injury but we did have a person slip on the ice and break their wrist."

Be sure to pick up next week's issue and read about the Highlander's very own Warren Riley's harrowing experience as a passenger in an official 12-lap ice race.



Photo Warren Riley

Car #46 loses traction on a corner during an ice race in Minden.

Storm battle to victory

Submitted by Jon Petrie

After a devastating 5-1 loss that put Smolen Dentistry's Peewee A's down two games to one last week in Parry Sound, many parents quietly assumed that our squad were all but done. The only problem... someone forgot to tell the boys. After one of their worst games of the year, the Storm came back with two of their best to win the series 3-2.

The weekend started with the squad playing in front of a packed crowd in Minden. Right out of the gate there was a jump in their step that was sorely lacking the weekend before. Alexander Petrie got things rolling early, cutting in off the side boards and potting a shot over the blocker of the unsuspecting goalie. Kyle Cooper netted another on the power-play and it looked as if we were off to the races.

With a team as good as the Parry Sound Shamrocks though, we should have known better. In the second, Parry Sound quickly came back with a goal in the first minute and another on the power play midway through to even it up. The entire series may have ended differently if not for our goalie, Parker Smolen. A mad scramble in front resulted in a penalty shot being awarded to Parry Sound's star player, Aiden Dudas. The whole arena held its breath as he came in on Smolen only to be stymied by a fantastic pad save. Smolen had an unbelievable night, and before the period was over Cooper put us back ahead by one.

In the third period, Josh Boice fed a nice pass to Owen Smith in front on the power play but their star player, Dudas, brought Parry Sound back to within one with five minutes left. It was a tense final few moments until Boice broke free to score the empty-netter and force a fifth and final game the next day in Parry Sound.

And what a game it was. It started with both teams in full stride. Chances were traded at either end and this time, it was Josh Bellefleur's turn to stand tall in net. Parry Sound's Dudas broke free halfway through the period to score the first goal of the game but Boice's pass in front to Smith evened things up. It looked like the period would stay deadlocked but a mad scramble in front of the Storm net ended with Parry Sound poking in the loose puck to take the lead going into the second.

At no point in the game did the Storm look like they had lost control. Cooper's wrister tied the score early in the second and then Smitty had a beautiful rush, picking his way through several Shamrocks before netting his second of the game. Back and forth it went; Parry Sound scored again to tie it up before the end of the second then took the lead in the third. But on this night, our boys were not to be denied. With four minutes left in the third, Smitty completed the hat-trick by stopping a shot from the point and patiently slipping in the backhand that would take us to overtime.

After all that had happened in this series, it was only fitting that this, the final game would go to overtime. All of the elements of a spectacular series have been evident: drama, emotion, some controversy to keep it interesting but above all, two incredibly matched teams displaying every ounce of effort to win. With a face-off in Parry Sound's end Cooper won the draw back to Ryan Prentice at the blue line. Ryan's shot was deftly deflected by Devyn Prentice and past the unsuspecting Parry Sound goaltender.

With that goal it was our children's turn to teach the parents a lesson – never give up – with heart and steadfast determination you win no matter what. Congratulations, boys – on to Ennismore we go.

Storm midget girls face adversity in playdowns

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden Car Quest/Canadian Tire Storm midget girls struggled to find their scoring touch on the weekend as they faced off against the Almaguin Gazelles in their Provincial Midget B Playdowns.

Friday night's road trip to Almaguin was cancelled due to inclement weather conditions, so the Storm hosted the Gazelles on Saturday afternoon in Minden. Almaguin jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first period and Jessica Duchene tied the game in the second with a nice deflection to the top corner of the net. The score remained 1-1 with about six minutes left in the game where the tide turned and Almaguin scored three unanswered goals to steal the first game of the home and home series. The Storm girls

travelled to Sundridge on Sunday afternoon to play the second game of the series. Failing to find the twine, the Almaguin squad wrapped up the series with the Highland Storm midget girls with a talented effort stopping all Storm shooters. Final score 4-0.

The Minden Car Quest/Canadian Tire Storm girls continue their Provincial Midget B Playdowns Saturday, Feb 16. at 3 p.m. against the Ice Cats from Clearview in Minden and then travel to Nottawasaga Sunday night to wrap up the two-game home and home series. The Storm girls will need to win both games to hope for a tie-breaking possibility of advancing to Ottawa.

The Highland Storm girls play their last tournament March 1, 2 and 3 in the Clearview Midget B Classic. Work on your scoring touch girls as we forge ahead.

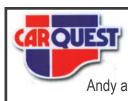


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Highlander sports

Reid battles injury to place in championships

By Warren Riley

The air was crisp, the skies clear.

Snowmobilers rev'd their engines to full throttle while their maintenance crews made last minute adjustments to the machines.

In lane three was Izac Reid of Minden astride his new 550 waiting for the final seconds to tick away.

The Royal Distributing Cup Snowcross Races in Lindsay were about to begin.

Reid was one of nine racers on the weekend of Feb. 9 and 10 vying for a first place win in the Junior 1 Moto class.

The green flag was dropped and with a deafening roar and rooster tail snow spray, the races had begun.

According to Reid, it was a good weekend but with a few setbacks.

"On Saturday I was good in Moto 1," he said. "I got a 2nd place but then they red-flagged the race so I slowed down. The rider behind hit me in the knee and did some damage to my sled. That hurt [my knee for] the rest of the day. I couldn't ride the same which placed me 7th in the final."

Having a minor injury will affect any rider's performance but for Reid, stamina and perseverance is the mainstay in staying competitive.

"Overall I was pleased with my results," said Reid. "Saturday's results could have been much better but track conditions made it hard to get traction and hard to steer. I was super proud of myself for all of my finishes on Sunday."

"My knee was already sore... which stopped me from doing the corners to the best of my ability. I came in to a corner too fast, caught an edge and it threw me off and sent my sled through the air. It didn't affect my riding. I was all right other than my knee."

Track conditions are a key factor in winning a race according to Reid.



Photo by Warren Riley

Izac Reid keeps up with the pack during a race last weekend in Lindsay. Reid injured his knee in a collision earlier in the day.

"On Saturday it was warm and the track was really soft and the snow was fluffy. The track conditions made it hard to move in the deep snow and hard to get traction. I liked the track more on Sunday because it was colder which made the track hard and packed down. With the temperature dropping a lot Saturday night [and into] Sunday morning, it made the track almost perfect. It was packed down, hard and stiff. I loved the track."

At 13 years of age, Reid is the youngest competitor in his class.

"I think that all of the races are very competitive but my Junior 1 class, ages 14-17, pushed me a lot harder than the

other classes. This class helps me get better because I [get to] see the older kids ride which have more experience than me. I learn from them. For example, on Sunday in the Junior 1, I led the whole race until the last lap and a competitor that was on my back the whole race got me just before the finish line."

Reid will receive a plaque for placing 2nd in the Junior 1 and a 3rd plaque in Novice 2 for his racing in the Royal Distributing Cup Races. The plaques will be awarded to him at the Sudbury Snowcross Championship on Feb. 23 and 24.

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Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013 Head Lake Park - Haliburton

Lots of family focused winter fun and games planned for the Saturday of Family Day Weekend in Head Lake Park.

Starting with the crowning of the Frost Festival Ambassador at the pancake breakfast, this day is geared for excitement including horse drawn wagon rides, snow taffy, art activities, pony rides, dogsledding, skating, ice fishing demonstrations, snowshoeing, broom-ball, a polar bear plunge for Sick Kids and lots more. Some activities may be weather permitting.

Schedule

8 am

Pancake Breakfast at the Haliburton Legion (\$)

8 am - 11 am

10 am

Ice Fishing - Fish Hatchery and Outdoors Association 10 am

Tim Bits and Hot Chocolate with Youth Unlimited 10 am

Kids Pony Rides with South Algonquin Trails 10:30 am - 1 pm

11 aw

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides - Harry Hutchings 11 am - 3 pm

Broom-ball with Youth Unlimited 11 am

Snowshoeing with Camp Wanakita 11 am

Art Attack by Rails End Gallery

11 am

Maple Snow Taffy

11:30 am

12 pm

Haliburton District Lions Club BBQ at Head Lake Park 12 pm - 3 pm

Polar Bear Challenge for Sick Kids

12:30 pm registration and 1 pm plunge

1 pm

Crafts for Kids - Dysart Branch - Haliburton County Library 1 pm

Kids Dogsledding with Winterdance Tours 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

4 pm

Lasagna Dinner at the United Church (\$)

4 pm - 6 pm

Come witness the Coronation of the Frost Festival Ambassador at 9 am at the Legion.

Watch as this year's snow sculpture in front of the Rails End reveals itself in time for the Festival.

Bring your skates and enjoy public skating at the Dysart Outdoor Rink or Head Lake.

Come to the lake and check out the solar heated fish hut hosted by the Environment and Green Energy Committee.

Ambassador Transportation provided by RPM.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, community partners and volunteers, all events are free except where noted (\$).

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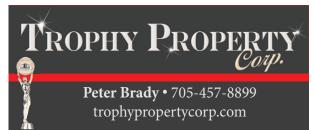
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Highlander life

Frost Centre a historical landmark

Part 1 of a series

By Lisa Harrison

Established in the 1940s, the former Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre on Highway 35 south of Dorset still tugs on community heartstrings.

A collection of buildings on 40 acres, the centre was originally created as a forest ranger training school. The province discontinued that and two later programs, and for the second time in 10 years has announced plans to sell the property. A public attempt to resurrect the centre in the interim failed.

So what's the draw?

Heritage, both cultural and ecological. Over the decades, hundreds of locals made their living there and thousands of trainees, students, teachers, birdwatchers, anglers and more from across the province lived and learned there.

The value is not so much in the buildings as in the land, says George Hamilton, a Sudbury-area native and former district forester who became the centre's first director when it opened in 1974.

"The buildings are a valuable asset in terms of accommodation and preparing food and giving classroom lectures, but that's only incidental to the tremendous value of the surrounding forest area and the lakes and the streams... it's an ideal study unit," says Hamilton, now retired and living in Algonquin Highlands.

Forests cover more than 85 per cent of Ontario's one million square kilometres. By the late 1800s, lumbering and settlement was rising sharply and leading to catastrophic fires. In 1885 Ontario enacted its first Fire Act, establishing patrol rangers and fire districts.

But raging fires continued. The most devastating in Ontario's history, the 1916 Matheson fire, was caused by a settler's clearing fire that escaped control. It killed





Photos submitted by Barrie Martin

The Ontario Forest Ranger School curriculum included forestry and resource management.

more than 220 people and burned over 500,000 acres of land.

Enter the 1917 Forest Fires Prevention Act, adding ranger stations and a tower network linked by two-way radio and telephone. The Ontario Provincial Air Service followed in 1924, detecting fires and transporting crews and equipment.

The Ontario Forest Ranger School, later to become the Frost Centre, was completed in 1946-47. The buildings included an auditorium, dormitories and a 200-seat dining room. Courses included fire prevention, detection and firefighting, equipment testing and maintenance, forest management and land administration.

Two years earlier the Honourable Leslie M. Frost had predicted in a local interview the school could also be used for forest conservation summer classes for teachers so they could instill in their students the need

to protect natural resources. Treasurer and Minister of Mines at the time, Frost went on to serve as Premier from 1949 to 1961.

The school was mandated primarily to train personnel for the Department of Lands and Forests (DLF) and forest industries and provide field experience to University of Toronto forestry students.

In the 1950s a DLF-commissioned study reported the school was not being used to its full capacity. By the 1960s aerial fire detection was eclipsing ranger patrols and towers in importance and the school was increasingly redundant with the growth of community colleges.

In the early 1970s Frost chaired a provincial advisory committee on Algonquin Park regarding a controversy over logging, Hamilton recalls. One of the recommendations was to establish a demonstration centre where the public could

learn essential natural resource management.

"He thought that if the public were aware of the concepts of forestry, including logging and that kind of thing, if they understood why that was done and why that was necessary, then they would understand and agree with some continuation of logging in Algonquin Park, which has happened, of course."

Frost died in Lindsay on May 4, 1973. A year later the school emerged as the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre.

Read next week's Highlander for part two: the centre's heyday, the fight to save it, and the property's future.

Historical information was gathered from the Ministry of Natural Resources website and archival papers supplied by Algonquin Highlands reeve Carol Moffatt and former Frost Centre education specialist Barrie Martin.

Through prairie hardship: the love story of George and Clara Jaycock

By Donna Gagnon

Canoe FM's morning man, Mike Jaycock, cheers everyone with his warm voice and gentle ways. Recently, he shared a family story that shows how character can be inherited and how love grows and multiplies through generations.

"My grandfather stands as a heroic figure in our family history... his love of family and all who he met made him a revered person at every stage of his life," said Mike.

George Edward Jaycock was born in Yorkshire, England in the summer of 1888. His father Henry was a market gardener who travelled across the ocean with his three youngest sons in May 1903. They landed at Quebec and headed for Winnipeg to become homesteaders in the wild Canadian prairies. Unfortunately, tragedy struck two of his brothers. On June 3, 1905, Harry and Bert (aged 21 and 19) drowned in Shoal Lake.

This did not deter the Jaycock family from their goal of making a new life in Canada.

Henry and his son William returned to England after the boys' deaths. William and his brother George travelled back to Winnipeg in the spring of 1906. Their parents and sister Alice joined them in the fall of that year.

George Jaycock wrote eloquently about his early Canadian days in "From Prairie Wool to Golden Grain: Raymore and District 1904-1979" (pages 362-364).

The Jaycocks settled in Raymore, Saskatchewan, cropping a land that was cold and unforgiving. George built a sodroofed house that a friend nicknamed "Fort Hollowroof" as the weight of the turf made the ceiling sag.

In 1914, after years of writing to a "beautiful young lady" back home, George decided to travel back to England to see if "my dear lady was truly in love with me and I with her." The visit was a success. George returned to Canada in 1915 where he contributed to the war effort through the production of food, cereals and meat. His

sweetheart, Clara Jackson, braved torpedoes and arrived in Saint John, NB in March 1916. They were married there and honeymooned on the train from Saint John to Raymore, a four-day trip.

George and Clara Jaycock became active members of their community and raised four children: two boys and two girls. During the Great Depression and following the death of his mother Ellen in Raymore in 1930, George, his wife and father returned to England. Three of George and Clara's children would subsequently follow them back to England, leaving Mike Jaycock's father Allan, his uncle William and Aunt Alice the only remaining family members in Canada.

In 1976, shortly after the celebration of 60 years of marriage, Clara Jaycock passed away. Her widowed husband George took a few moments in his grief to write a note for his children.

"What I consider the most poignant and loving note he ever wrote... it was written

on a small piece of paper, stuck in the back of a notebook. He wrote it during the early morning hours after my grandma's passing. Anytime I want to know what 'forever love' is, I read it."

May 1976. At Rest

Mam looked as if she had already joined the angels. So beautiful and peaceful and appeared to be about 16 years of age. It completely broke my reserve trying not to show my feelings. But it was not sorrow. Rather joy at realization that she was now joined by all the loved ones in a new life where all the tragedy and wickedness of this life would no more be a cause for anxiety or worry. Such a wonderful Mother and a perfect partner to me and loved by such a great number of friends wherever she was. thoughts from Dad

George Jaycock died in Lancashire, England near the end of August 1979. The hard work, love and care that gave meaning to his life continues to be an inspiration today to his grandchildren and their children.

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OBITUARIES



Carl Sawyer (Resident of West Guilford, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital with his family by his side on Saturday morning, February 9, 2013 in his 90th year. Beloved husband of the late Irene Sawyer (nee Vickery). Loving father of Lyle (Delane), Peggy (Everett Pouw) and Gail Bekei all of West Guilford. Predeceased by his sons Larry and Terry. Also lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Lynn, Ben, Carmen, Curtis, Cheryl, Stephanie, Christopher and by his many great grandchildren. Dear brother of Janice Hlywka

of Welland. Predeceased by brothers Vince, Morris, Stan, Ken, Myra & Stella. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Carl owned and operated Sawyer's Garage and worked many years at Boice Motors in Haliburton. Carl enjoyed life, hunting, humour and tormenting women in a good way.

Celebration of Life & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **WEST GUILFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE** on Saturday March 2, 2013 from 2 p.m. Spring interment Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion #129, Haliburton or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.



In Loving Memory of

Gordon Thomas Rivers

Lifelong employee to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, born on May 22, 1936 and passed away suddenly at his home in Bramalea on Wednesday, February 6, 2013.

Gordon is survived by his sister Betty Davis (Moss-deceased), Sam (Dorothy), Joe (Gwen) and is predeceased by his brothers Milton and John (Isabel). He will be missed by his many nieces, nephews, his neighbour friends and extended family.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden

KOM 2KO on Thursday, February 14, 2013 from 11:00 am until the time of the Memorial Service in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.



Highlander technology

-The Computer Guy I want a cool e-mail address

Often with e-mail services, people aren't happy with the e-mail addresses that are available. After a while, they want a new e-mail address that's "cooler" or more descriptive.

Depending on the e-mail service that you're using and how much effort you want to put into things, changing your e-mail address can be either easy or hard. More likely, it'll be somewhere in between.

With Hotmail, Yahoo, Gmail and other free services there's really no way to change an e-mail address. The best that you can do is create a new account with a new name and start using it. At the same time, simply stop using the old account with the old name. Remember, these are free and you get what you pay for.

With Rogers, Bell and other large ISPs, because these are services that you do pay for, they often have some more flexibility and offer you the option of having more than one e-mail address. Unfortunately, it's often your e-mail address that identifies your account with these services. If your name is John Smith then you will probably be given j.smith@ example.ca, kind of boring. So if you want a new e-mail address, you need to log in to your account and create a new one. Much like the free services above, you would then start using the new e-mail address and stop using the old one. The good news here is that unlike the free services, most major ISPs have e-mail forwarding services available, so that e-mail sent to your old address can be automatically forwarded to your new one.

When you go to a major ISP or free e-mail service, thousands, perhaps millions, of people were there ahead of you. All the simple, easy to remember or "cool" names are already in use by someone else. That's why when you ask for your first name as an e-mail name,

the service may respond by recommending instead that name followed by a string of random numbers. "Computerguy" is probably taken, but "Computerguy83545" may not be. There's simply no way around this, other than perhaps trying different variations or different free services until you find something you like.

The most bullet-proof solution is to register your own domain name. If you're even a little internet-savvy, it's not difficult to do so yourself and many ISPs will also do it for you. For an annual fee, you get your own internet domain, like "haliburtonhighlander.ca". Most registrars and ISPs will then provide e-mail forwarding, so that "computerguy@ haliburtonhighlander.ca" can automatically be forwarded to whatever your real e-mail account is.

And when you have your own domain name, all e-mail addresses on that domain are yours to do with as you wish.

For questions or comments, e-mail me at computerguy@ haliburtonhighlander.ca (See I got a cool e-mail address). Happy and safe computing!



By David Spaxman

PUBLIC MEETING



MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

135 Maple Avenue, PO Box 389 Haliburton, ON K0M 2K0 705-457-1740 www.dysartetal.ca

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Council of the Municipality of Dysart et al will be considering proposed amendments to various Fees and Charges at their meeting on Monday, February 25, 2013.

The amendments pertain to the following fees: Arena/Community Centre Fees Disposal of Waste at Municipal Landfill Sites Provision of Fire Department Services **Building Permit Fees**

Further information on the proposed fees and charges are available on the Municipality's website at www.dysartetal.ca, or at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton. Cheryl Coulson.

Municipal Clerk

Please note that Council will also be finalizing the 2013 Budget at their meeting on Monday, February 25, 2013.

SEEKING NEW MUSEUM BOARD MEMBER

The Haliburton Highlands Museum Board is looking to fill a vacancy. If you are available to attend monthly meetings and play an active role in the growth of the Museum, please submit an expression of interest to twilbee@dysartetal.ca no later than February 28, 2013. The Board operates through an online electronic format which can be viewed at www.haliburton. civicweb.net.

IN MEMORY

In loving memory of Sala Stamp, Feb. 16, 2011

Sadly missed along life's way Quietly remembered every day No longer in our life to share But in our hearts, you're always there.

Loved and missed by Bud and family



NOTICE



NOTICE PROPOSED BY-LAW

To control cemeteries owned by the Municipality of Highlands East NAME OF CEMETERIES:

Ward 3

Yours to Explore Deer Lake Cemetery McGillivray Cemetery

Ward 2 Ward 2 highlandseast.ca Essonville Cemetery
South Wilberforce Cemetery Ward 4 Ward 4

The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East has submitted a by-law to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002.

Any interested parties may contact Irene S. Cook, Clerk at (705) 448-2981 ex. 222 for information, or to make copies. By-laws or amendments may be reviewed or copied at the Municipal Office located at 2249 Loop Road, WILBERFORCE, ON.

Council for the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to enact a by-law to adopt this By-law at the April 9th, 2013 Council meeting. Notice is hereby provided that a public meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce,

These By-laws are subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002 – (Cemeteries Regulation Unit - Telephone No. 1-416-326-8399). Irene S. Cook, CMO

Clerk/CEMC

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This notice was posted at each cemetery site listed above from Monday, February 11, 2013 to Monday, March 18, 2013.

PUBLIC HEARING

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS **COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

HEARING DATE: February 25, 2013

9:30 a.m.

PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10 as amended.

File No. MV A25/2012, Part Lot 28, Concession 7, Township of Minden,

Applicant: Renown Drive

The applicants are proposing to demolish an existing legal non-complying dwelling unit in the Shoreline Residential (SR) zone and replace it with one that is larger and higher. The following variances are required:

1. From Section 4.7.4 iii) - 1.82m to increase the height by more than allowed; and 2. From Section 4.7.4 v) - 17.1% to increase the coverage of the legally non-complying building by more than allowed.

File No. MV A01/2013, Part Lot 12, Concession 3, Township of Anson,

Claude Brown Road Applicant:

The applicant is proposing to demolish an existing legal non-complying dwelling unit in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone and replace it with one that is larger, higher and closer to the high water mark. The following variances are required:

- 1. From Section 4.7.4 ii) to reduce the front yard setback from 68 feet to 50 feet; and
- 2. From Section 4.7.4 iii) to increase the height of the building by 7" more than
- 3. From Section 4.7.4 v) to increase the coverage of the legally non-complying building by 19.3% more than allowed.

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection until 9:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills, during normal office hours.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2013

Adam King, M.R.M Planning Administrator Township of Minden Hills



Highlander events

FEBRUARY 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Community Care Diner's Club Seniors' Lunch -Minden United Church, 12 p.m. Call for reservations. 705-754-1711.

Thurs., Feb. 14 - Sat., Feb. 16 - 2013 Gore Provincial Curling Championships. Games start at 12 p.m. on Feb. 14. Award ceremonies at 3:15 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 16.

Cribbage - (every Friday) -Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941

2013 Gore Provincial **Curling Championships** Canadian Blues Legends presents Ken Whiteley Dominion Hotel, 8:30 p.m.

Haliburton & District Polar Bear Challenge - Haliburton Frost Festival, 1:00 p.m. All proceeds go to the Sick Kids Eye Project.

2013 Gore Provincial Curling Championships



MONDAY

FRIDAY

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571)

Bid Euchre, every Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Euchre, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Darts, every Thursday, 1 p.m.

Meat Draw, every Wednesday, lunchtime

Bid Euchre, every Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Cribbage - (every Friday)

- Community Care, 1 p.m.,

705-457-2941

noon – 2 p.m.

Cribbage, 1-3:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Contract Bridge - Minden United Church, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Contact 705-286-1305.

100.9 CanoeFM Bingo -(every Tuesday) @ 6 p.m., 705-457-1009

Wii Bowling (every Tuesday) - Community Care @ 9:00 a.m., 705-457-2941

SATURDAY

WEDNESDAY

Community Drum Circle -(every Wednesday) - Rails End Gallery @ 6:30 p.m.,

SUNDAY

Joyful Noisemakers followed

by soup & sandwich lunch.

Minden United Church

Service, 11 a.m. Includes

705-457-2330

Haliburton County Historical Society meeting, discussion topic: One-room school houses - Minden Cultural Centre, 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Send your events to ashley@

- FREE - Local events listings available at your finger tips.

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THURSDAY

ACROSS

- 1. Free ticket
- 5. Drama divisions
- 9. Business gp. 14. Female singer
- 16. Horned animal, for short

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- 17. Fly
- 18. Tavern drinks
- 19. Ceremonial events
- 20. Taco ingredient
- 22. Most sensible 23. Fore's opposite
- 24. Without expression
- 26. Rowing tool
- 27. Branch of math 32. Indian of Peru
- 36. More selfish
- 37. Bound
- 38. Helps a crook
- 40. Happiness
- 41. Buffalo shore sight (2 wc
- 43. Singer ____ Fitzgerald
- 44. Stricter
- 45. Nile viper
- 48. Moderately slow, in mus
- 50. Firmament
- 53. Blood component
- 57. Aircraft with pontoons
- 59. Soup dipper
- 60. Cowardly person
- 61. Bullring shouts
- 62. Laker Shaquille
- 63. Ice pellets
- dead people!" (2
- wds.)
- 65. Trials 66. Previously
- 67. Back talk

- 1. Italian staple
- 2. Unfriendly 3. Begin

DOWN

- 4. Arrange
- 5. Flowering shrub
- 6. Basement
- 7. Staircase part
- 8. Distress signal
- 9. Organize
- 10. Leg bone
- 11. Locale
- 12. Till bills
- 13. Price
- 21. Groom's response (2 wds.)
- 25. Separate
- 28. Outer limit
- 29. Invoice
- 30. Whirl
- 31. Site
- 32. Troubles
- 33. Cool!
- 34. Birthday treat
- 35. One who mimics
- 36. Wow!
- 38. Fight site
- 39. Wren, e.g.
- 42. Glossy paints
- 45. Weak
- 46. Paper fastener
- 47. Brisk energy
- 49. Korean, e.g.
- 50. Hot sauce
- 51. Leg joints
- 52. Positive replies 53. Conspiracy
- 54. Highway section
- 55. Thirst quenchers
- 56. Narrow board
- 58. Reporter Lane
- 60. Which person?

Bingo, every Wednesday, 7 p.m. Darts, every Friday, 7:30 p.m. NFL on the big screen, every Sunday Minden Branch (705-286-4541) (food available), 12 p.m.

Lunch menu, every Monday to Friday from Open every Saturday from 12-5 p.m.

Radio Club, every Friday, 10 a.m.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?

Fish & Chips, every Friday from 5-7 p.m.

Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221)

Pool, every Friday, 1:30 p.m. Spaghetti dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Jam session, every Friday, 7 p.m. Meat draw, every Saturday, 2 p.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Ken McFarlane Memorial Fishing Derby -Saturday, February 23rd. To register visit the Wilberforce Legion by close on Friday, February 22. You can also register at the Fishes Lunch Box, 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 23. Weigh in – 3-6 p.m. at the Legion - \$15/participant. Participants must be present to collect prizes. Cash to the first 5 winners plus Prize Table

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Send your community event to ashley@haliburtonhighlander.ca

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Fun Fact:

A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.

Highlander events



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Mike Jaycock calls for bids during the Haliburton Rotary Club's charity auction on Feb. 9.

Auction raises \$12,500

By Matthew Desrosiers

With a flying inflatable shark prowling the air above their heads, guests at the Rotary Club's annual charity auction knew it was time to get their bid on.

Auctioneer Mike Jaycock drove bidders to spend more and more money on everything from said flying shark to Leafs tickets and a weed wacker, all in the name of charity.

The auction was hosted at the Haliburton Legion on Feb. 9.

One of the more popular events during the

evening was the loonie auction, where each dollar spent secured the bidder a ticket in the draw for the item.

Silent auction items were also popular, as guests repeatedly returned to their items of interest to up their bids in hopes of winning big.

Rotarian Brian Menton said according to estimates the auction raised approximately \$12,500

"It was a huge success," he said. "People really got the sense they were spending money on charity and not just buying stuff."



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Singin' and stompin'

Kathleen Davy sings with the Country Hot Flashes and the Cold Shoulders while Connie Sawyer and Len Adams take a turn around the dance floor at the Country Jamboree on Feb. 10 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. People came from around the region to enjoy country music, dance and entertain the crowd during the open mic sessions.



Call for Choreographer for Dusk Dances 2013 in Haliburton

Dusk Dances Haliburton is seeking a site-specific dance piece created by a choreographer or group from the Haliburton County area for the 2013 program to be performed by local youth. A professional fee will be paid to the choreographer or group for the development, creation and mounting of the performance piece at Head Lake Park in Haliburton, July 18th to July 21st 2013.

Deadline for submissions: February 28, 2013

For a copy of the full applications and terms of reference contact:

Daniela Pagliaro at daniela.p@sympatico.ca

Dusk Dances Haliburton is a project of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative.





The County of Haliburton and the Haliburton County Home Builders Association



Invite all stakeholders in the Construction Industry in our area to a meeting on

Friday, February 22, 2013

from

1:00 - 4:00 pm

At the

Haliburton Community Centre (above the Arena) Located at 728 Mountain Street, Haliburton

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss barriers to growth in the Construction Industry and to develop a plan to remove these barriers.

Anyone connected with the Construction Industry is welcome to attend... Contractors, Trades, Labourers, Suppliers, etc.

RSVP appreciated but not required.
Contact: Malcolm MacLean
705-489-1276
Email: princathome@aol.com

Highlander events





2012 Nominees

Customer First Nominees

- WAI Products Ltd.
- Haliburton Chiropractic and Massage
- Haliburton Lumber
- Haliburton Public Library
- Wilberforce Pharmacy
- Shoppers Drug Mart
- Subway Haliburton

- Trophy Properties
- WAI Products Ltd.
- West Guilford Shopping Centre
- Wintergreen
- Haliburton Chiropractic and Tourism & Hospitality Massage
- Chaulk Woodworking

Skilled Trades & Industry

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Not for Profit

- SIRCH Community Services
- YWCA Haliburton • Haliburton Highlands Land
- Trust • Volunteer Dental Outreach

- Jerry Walker
- Peter Brady

- Kozy Korner
- Mama G's
- McKeck's Tap and Grill

Innovation & Creativity

- South Algonquin Diner
- The Creative Cocoo
- Minden Pharmasay
- Haliburton Highland Pharmacy
- Trophy Property

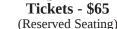
Business

- Haliburton RPM
- The Highlander Newspaper
- Algonquin Painting
- Haliburton Indoor Cycling

Entrepreneur of the Year

- WAI Products Ltd
- Haliburton RPM

Congratulations Nominees!



R.S.V.P to: Karen@haliburtonchamber.com; 705-457-4700







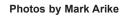












Above: Canadian Folk Music Award group of the year, The Once, delivers a poignant performance on Feb. 7. Middle: Paddy's Lament plays Celtic music at the Minden United Church. From left to right are Phil McMahon, Ian Pay and Brian Sax. Right: The Once band member Phil Churchill backs up lead singer Geraldine Hollett.



By Mark Arike

An incoming snow storm wasn't enough to stop over 180 people from travelling to Minden on Feb. 7 for a rousing performance from The Once.

The award-winning Newfoundland trio, made up of Geraldine Hollett, Phil Churchill and Andrew Dale, brought their traditional East Coast tunes to the Minden United Church as part of the Haliburton County Folk Society's annual concert series. Local

Celtic artist Phil McMahon opened up for the group along with Ian Pay and Brian Sax (collectively known as Paddy's Lament).

Folk Society artistic director Sean Pennylegion said the success of the soldout concert and the series speaks volumes about the importance of live music in the Highlands.

"It's really encouraging," said Pennylegion. The next concert in the series will feature Betty and the Bobs at Camp Wanakita on Saturday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m.







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